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Pierre CHARNEAU et al.

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For: LENTIVIRAL TRIPLEX DNA, AND
VECTORS AND RECOMBINANT
CELLS CONTAINING LENTIVIRAL
TRIPLEX DNA

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Commissioner for Patents and Trademarks
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

DEPOSIT DECLARATION

I, Danielle Berneman, do hereby declare:

1. That I am a citizen of France.
2. I am the Head of the Patent Section of the Institut Pasteur in Paris, France, to whom this patent application has been assigned.
3. On information and belief, plasmid pTRIP ΔU3 EF1αGFP, disclosed in this application, was deposited on October 11, 1999, under the provision of the Budapest Treaty at the National Collection of Cultures of Microorganisms (C.N.C.M.) in Paris, France, and assigned Accession No. I-2328.

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4. On information and belief, the C.N.C.M. has acquired the status of International Depository Authority within the meaning of the Budapest Treaty on the International Recognition of the Deposit of Microorganisms for the Purposes of the Patent Procedure.

5. On information and belief, all restrictions on the availability to the public of the deposited cultures will be irrevocably removed no later than the granting of a patent from the above-identified application.

6. On information and belief, Institut Pasteur will replace the deposited plasmid I-2328 should it become non-viable during the period that extends thirty (30) years from the date of the deposit, or the period of the enforceable life of the patent, or the period of five years after the last public request for the deposit, whichever period is longest.

8. I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true, and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title of 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued therefrom.

Signed this 29th day of April, 2002.



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